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Bank Account Changes

Current policy mandates that FSA payments be electronically transferred into your bank account. In order for timely payments to be made, producers need to notify the FSA county office if your account has been changed or if another financial institution purchases your bank. Payments can be delayed if the FSA office is not aware of updates to your account and routing numbers.

USDA Announces Disaster Assistance Sign up for 2010 Crop Losses

(Casper, WY) – October 25, 2011 – WY USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Program Specialist Todd Even today announced that the Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) program enrollment for 2010 crop year losses begins November 14, 2011.

“The SURE program provides a safety net of assistance to producers when disaster strikes, so I encourage Wyoming farmers and ranchers with 2010 crop losses to contact their county FSA office to learn more about the program,” said Even.

There are two basic qualification methods for a SURE payment. In the first method, the producer's operation must be located in a county that was declared a 2010 disaster county by the USDA Secretary or in a contiguous county and the natural disaster must have caused at least a 10 percent production loss on a crop of economic significance in the operation. In the second method, all producers in all counties are eligible for SURE benefits if they had a production loss equal to or greater than 50 percent of the normal production on the farm due to any qualifying natural disaster.

The following counties received a disaster designation or were contiguous during 2010: Albany, Carbon, Converse, Fremont, Hot Springs, Laramie, Natrona, Park, Sweetwater, Sublette, Teton, and Washakie.

Further eligibility requirements include the stipulation that producers must have obtained a policy or plan of insurance for all insurable crops through the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation. For crops without insurance programs, Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) coverage must have been obtained from FSA. Eligible farmers and ranchers who meet the definition of a socially disadvantaged, limited resource or beginning farmer or rancher do not have to meet this risk-management requirement. Forage crops intended for grazing are not eligible for SURE benefits.

For more information on SURE program eligibility requirements contact your nearest county FSA office or visit www.fsa.usda.gov/sure.

2011 County Committee Election

This year's election in Goshen County covers LAA 2, which covers all of Townships 24-25. Currently, Stan Speckner represents the County Committee in this area. Stan will not be running again for this position as he has reached the 9-year committee limit. David Unverzagt will be running for this position. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters around November 4. Instructions for voting will be included. December 5 is the last day to return voted ballots to the county office, or postmarked. Please take some time to vote and select your representative on the County Committee.

Newly elected committee members and alternates take office January 1, 2012.

2012 DCP Sign-Up

Enrollment for the 2012 Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program (DCP) will begin Jan 23, 2012 and will continue through June 1, 2012. Producers can make use of the eDCP automated website to sign up, or they can visit the FSA office to complete their 2012 DCP contract.

Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices.

Commodity Loans Available

We remind you of the availability of the commodity loan program. 2011 loan rates for applicable crops in Goshen County are:

Wheat HRW	\$2.85/bu.	Wheat HRS	\$2.99/bu.	Corn	\$2.05/bu.
Barley	\$1.89/bu.	Oats	\$1.37/bu.	Sunflowers	\$10.59/cwt.

Interest rates are minimal (example: the November 2011 rate is 1.125%) and the term of the loan will be end of the 9th month following disbursement.

2011 loans on small grains can be requested through March 31, 2012. 2011 corn/sunflower loans can be requested through May 31, 2012. The grower must maintain title and control of the commodity (beneficial interest) while the grain is under loan.

For more information, contact this office.

Hispanic and Women Farmers

A process to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who believe they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans has been established. If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic, or because you are female, you may be eligible for compensation. To register for a claims package or for additional information on this and other settlement issues contact:

Hispanic and Women Farmer Claims Process:

www.farmerclaims.gov or call 1-888-508-4429

Pigford – The Black Farmers Discrimination Litigation:

www.blackfarmercase.com or call 1-866-950-5547

Keepseagle - The Native American Farmers Class Action Settlement: www.IndianFarmClass.com or call 1-888-233-5506.

Farm Reconstitutions

When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm *reconstitution* is necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation. Remember, to be effective for the current year, recons must be requested by Aug. 1 for farms enrolled in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program. Farm Recon methods are:

Estate Method — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

Designation of Landowner Method — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method, the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

DCP Cropland Method — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

Default Method — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

If DCP direct payments have already been issued on a particular farm, the reconstitution will be effective for the next year, unless the payments are refunded.



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Dates to Remember	
Continuous	Continuous Conservation Reserve Program
Continuous	Farm Storage Facility Loans
Nov. 11, 2011	Holiday, Office closed
Nov. 14, 2011	Signup for 2010 SURE begins
Nov. 24, 2011	Holiday, Office closed
Dec. 5, 2011	Deadline to submit County Committee Election Ballots
Dec. 26, 2011	Holiday, Office closed
Jan. 2, 2012	Holiday, Office closed
Jan. 23-June 1, 2012	Signup period for 2012 DCP/ACRE

/s/ Darrell L. Jones

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